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SECOND WAVE OF PUBLICITY FOR PRESENTATION REPORTED REFTEL WAS GENERATED DECEMBER 1 WHEN PALACE ANNOUNCED MOON ROCK WOULD BE PLACED ON PUBLIC DISPLAY AT NATIONAL MUSEUM. STORY WAS CARRIED BY RADIO NEPAL AND ALMOST ALL DAILIES, USUALLY ON FRONT PAGE. PRESENTATION WAS ALSO SUBJECT OF LEAD EDITORIAL ON DECEMBER 1 IN SEMI-OFFICIAL RISING NEPAL. EDITORIAL SAID IN PART QUOTE: WHILE PRESENTATIONS OF MOON ROCK SAMPLES TO FOREIGN HEADS OF STATE HAVE BECOME SOMETHING OF AN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC CLICHE OR FORMALITY, THE APTNESS OF THE GESTURE ON EACH PARTICULAR OCCASION AND ON THIS LATEST OCCASION IN PARTICULAR CAN HARDLY BE MINIMIZED...THE INCLUSION IN THE FIRST PLACE OF A NEPALESE FLAG ALONG WITH OTHER MEMENTOES IN THE LATEST APPOLLO MISSION BE-SPEAKS OF A THOUGHTFULNESS ON THE PART OF THE AMERICANS THAT AUGURS WELL FOR THE FUTURE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SUCH THOUGHTFULNESS HAS ALREADY BEEN MANIFESTED IN THE PAST IN THE SUBSTANTIAL SUMS OF AID AND COOPERATION THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS EXTENDED TO THIS COUNTRY AND IN MANY OTHER SMALLER BUT MEMORABLE WAYS. AND THIS LATEST MANIFESTATION CAN BE SEEN AS

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NOTHING OTHER THAN A HAPPY CONTINUATION OF THE SAME LAUDABLE

TRADITION. THE APTNESS OF THE TOKEN IS ALL THE MORE ENHANCED BY
THE FACT THAT THE LUNAR ROCK SAMPLES AND THE SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPH
ARE SOME OF THE MOST NOTABLE PRODUCTS OF AMERICA'S GREAT
ADVANCES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. AND FOR A DEVELOPING COUNTRY
LIKE NEPAL DEEP FRIENDSHIP WITH A COUNTRY WHICH HAS MADE SUCH
IMMENSE ADVANCES IN THESE FIELDS IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE.
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